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Palmdale Man Found Guilty of Shooting Man Over Driveway Argument

A Palmdale man was found guilty of second-degree murder today for killing the owner of the Acton Water Company after a verbal argument over where the water truck was parked, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Thomas Trainor said the jury also found true an allegation that Scott Russell Shipley (dob 11/26/56) intentionally discharged his firearm when he shot Christopher Demyen to death on May 15, 2013.

Shipley faces a 40-years-to-life state prison sentence at the next hearing scheduled for June 6 in Department A21 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Shipley was driving on a small dirt road towards his house on Eagle Butte Road when he saw the water truck parked in front of a neighbor's house filling up a pool. Unable to drive through, the defendant called the victim to complain. Shipley told the victim he would be leaving his truck to block the company truck and walked to his house where he retrieved a gun, according to testimony during trial.

A witness testified that when the victim arrived at the scene to talk to Shipley, they got into an argument. Shipley pushed Demyen, the verbal argument turned into a fist fight, and Shipley pulled out the gun and shot the victim in the chest, Deputy District Attorney Trainor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Palmdale Station.

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